

MENOMONIE AIRPORT COMMISSION
MAY 17, 2005

A regular meeting of the Menomonie Airport Commission was called to order at 7:00PM on Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at the Dunn County Government Center, City Hall conference room by Chairman Bob Willow. Other members present included Dan Johnson, Joe Woodford and Bruce Trimble. Also present were Louis Paffel, Lowell Prange, Randy Eide, and Earl Wildenburg. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Woodford to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2005 regular Menomonie Airport Commission meeting. Motion carried. There were no public comments on the published agenda items.

Chairman Willow updated the commission on his progress associated with lobbying the offices of Congressmen Kind and Kohl. Progress has been made, both offices are aware of our project request (\$750,000) to install lights and a localizer at Menomonie Municipal Airport but more work has to be done to ensure the project is funded in 2006.

Woodford updated the commission on the status of the Airport Long Range Planning (ALRP) Committee. After visiting Red Wing, MN and Rice Lake, WI airports and reviewing the needs of the Menomonie Municipal Airport; the Long Range Planning Committee has endorsed the following Top 6 ALRP priorities:

1. Improve Navigational Aids
 - a. Localizer, Lights and Precision Approach
 - b. Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) GPS
2. Construct a new Terminal
3. Secure Land for future Hangar/Airport requirements
4. Construct Hangars
5. Increase Width of Runway to 100-ft
6. Increase Strength of Runway

Since the motion to adopt and approve the prioritized list was made by the ALRP committee, Johnson seconded the motion after a brief discussion of the priorities. Motion carried. The ALRP will meet again on July 12, 2005.

Regarding priority #3 (secure land) Trimble made a motion to have the administration look at the possibility of securing land near Bill's Distributing (adjacent to the parallel taxiway and near existing hangars) for future hangar construction. The motion was seconded by Woodford and passed by the commission.

After a review of the proposals received to develop a airport overlay zoning ordinance the commission elected to bring in MSA and SEH for a interview. The selection of MSA and SEH was based on their proposals and their familiarity with the Menomonie Municipal Airport. MSA and SEH will be invited to the next Airport Commission Meeting to better explain their proposals and entertain questions from the commission.

The commission accepted the manager's report from Louise Paffel. Next Airport Commission meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2005 at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

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